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Sir:

Accompanying this communication are Form PTO-1449 identifying newly issued Patent No. 6,299,374 as a reference in this case and a copy of 6,299,374. The patent issued as of the filing date of this application and was recently brought to applicants' attention.

The patent discloses a marking instrument including a marking tip comprising a fibrous tip which allegedly allows edible coloring liquid of a specific character to be deposited by capillary action onto a food substrate.

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There is no teaching in the patent of the apparatus disclosed in this application which includes an elongated, soft, flexible nib having a porous distal end and a nib interior defining voids which readily laterally flexes when in contact with edible food when pressure is exerted on the edible food.

Respectfully submitted,

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